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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the title.

No new matter has been added and prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

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EXHIBIT A. VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

In the title: Please amend the title as follows:

Onboard RAM based FIFO with pointers to buffer overhead bytes [that point to SPE in sonet frames] of synchronous payload envelopes in synchronous optical networks.